

# Smoke Signals

Newton Alumni Association



March 15, 2021

## Cancellation of Newton's 140<sup>th</sup> Alumni Banquet

With consideration of the safety of all of our Alumni, we have made the difficult decision to cancel Newton's Alumni Banquet again this year. We have really struggled with making this decision.

We would have honored the following classes in May 2020: *1945 (75 years), 1960 (60 years), 1970 (50 years), 1980 (40 years), and 1995 (25 years)*. With this cancellation in May 2021 we had planned to honor these classes: *1946 (75 years), 1961 (60 years), 1971 (50 years), 1981 (40 years), and 1996 (25 years)*.

## Coordinating Honored Class Gatherings

We'd like to encourage each honored class to get together on your own. If you have emails of classmates . . . that might be a great way to spread the news! We can send you, by email a list of your class to help you with addresses, if that would be helpful. Please don't hesitate to contact one of our members for assistance.

You may be able to use the schools facility, either the new Field House or Community Room. Just call the school for availability of dates, and contact the Superintendent's office at (937) 676-2002.

## FACEBOOK

Facebook has a new account for us to communicate with each other. It can be found at:

Newton Alumni Association

Check us out on Facebook  
*Newton Alumni  
Association*

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## **Adams, Beery inducted in Newton Hall of Fame 2020**

Last year there were two new inductees:  
Jesse Beery and Marion Adams.

Jesse was a student in Newton Township in the 1870's. During his life he was a school board member, entrepreneur, community supporter, author and family man.

Marion Adams was a lifelong resident of Newton Township and a graduate of Newton High School, Class of 1942. Marion was a farmer, mechanic, and a World War Veteran.

There was an extensive and interesting article about them both in the Miami Valley Today (Troy Daily News) newspaper on May 7, 2020. It's worth looking up and reading in its entirety!

***The 2021 Hall of Fame is currently taking nominations for this year.***

### **How to apply for the Hall of Fame**

**Statement of Purpose**—Nomination shall be made for distinguished and/or significant contributions to the pupils and/or programs of the Newton Local School District and for promoting education in a manner that has enhanced the prestige of the community.

**Must be included**—Nominee name and address, the person recommending them, their name and address and phone. Nomination is to be submitted in writing. It should include approximate time of service or involvement with Newton school district and reasons the person should be considered as a candidate. Nomination may not exceed two (2) double spaced, typewritten pages.

Please send the nomination information to: Office of the Superintendent, Newton Local School District, 201 N. Long Street, PO 803, Pleasant Hill, OH 45359

## **2021 Senior Class — Newton Alumni Scholarships**

The Newton Alumni Scholarship is awarded every year to Seniors who will be pursuing a post-secondary degree at a university, college, vocational or trade school. Student must have a relative who graduated from Newton High School. Tradition is highly regarded in the Newton School Community. Students are asked to write a 300-word essay about family history and how it relates to Newton School and the Pleasant Hill community and if family traditions have played a part in the career decisions they have made for their future.

**Application is due to in school office by April 15, 2021.**

Two scholarships will be awarded: \$1000 and \$500. We would still like to do our part to support the senior class of 2021 with two scholarships. Typically, these funds are received from the banquet dinner invitation donations. Due to the Alumni Banquet cancellation, we are reaching out for your help to sustain these scholarships. Please send your donations to: Newton Alumni Association, P.O. Box 531, Pleasant Hill, OH 45359.

Thank you for your consideration.

***Congratulations Class of 2021***

# Honored Classes of 2020

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## Class of 1945

### 75 Year Class

\*Leonard Bair  
\*Betty (Johnson) Berry  
\*Dale Bevington  
\*Harold Byers  
\*Janet Byers  
\*Wilbur Cool  
\*Alberta (Christian) Cooper  
Donald Cress  
\*Mildred Fair  
\*Fern (Hershey) Heise  
\*James Herbst  
\*Martha (Thompson) Hinkle  
\*Gloria (Deeter) Hufford  
\*Charles Pat Kauffman  
\*Laveda (Vogler) Kinnison  
\*Virginia Lee Klopfer  
\*Virginia Landis  
\*Richard Long  
\*Carolyn (Newlin) Marshall  
\*James Pemberton  
\*Louis Robbins  
Ruth (Jackson) Roeth  
\*Maxine (Lowry) Shellenberger  
\*Carolyn Sue Snell  
\*Joy (Christian) Sweitzer  
\*Harold Warner  
\*Marjorie (Schultz) Westfall  
\*Carol (Johnson) Wise  
\*John Woodhouse

\*Deceased

## Class of 1960

### 60 Year Class

Judy (Hess) Amick  
Barbara (Roeth) Angle  
Linda (Locke) Baldwin  
Janet (Riffle) Bashore  
Anita (Hoke) Carlson  
Richard Cecil  
Sheryl (Davis) Clingen  
\*Marilyn (Sipple) Crosby  
Barbara (Yingst) Davis  
\*Nancy (Coppock) DeWeese  
Judy (Yount) Force  
Mary Ann (Linton) Fuller  
Alice (Oburn) Garber  
Carl George  
Margaret (Coy) Hartzell  
\*Blaine Hollopeter  
\*Vivian (Niesley) Hunt  
Cecil Jackson  
Carol (Lavy) Jay  
Darlene (Earnest) Keller  
Janet (Brumbaugh) Kimmel  
Shirley (Laughman) Kucinski  
Lois (Cress) Kuck  
Kathleen (Whitman) Lepper  
\*Patricia (Fessler) Locker  
\*Shirley (Brown) Locke  
Janice (Taylor) Miller  
Joan (Border) Moored  
Rebecca (Short) Phillis  
Shirley (Ganger) Redding  
Beverly (Fessler) Robbins  
\*Linda Sampson  
\*Edward L. Sanders  
Lowell Schleinitz  
Karen Louise Schmidt  
Lynn Shellenberger  
Gary Shiverdecker  
Juaneta (Russell) Smith  
Dan Snider  
\*Martha Jane (Rudy) Stark  
Robert Stoner  
Nancy (Delcamp) Weddington  
Paul Whitacre  
Dinah (Klepinger) Wolfe  
Lavonne (Swank) Wren

## Class of 1970

### 50 Year Class

Charles Adams  
Karen (Smith) Anderson  
William Angle  
Connie (Garvey) Atchison  
\*Marianne (Warner) Bettag  
David Bradley  
\*Pam (Noll) Coate  
Glee (Whitacre) Covault  
\*Debbie (Chiple) Crawford  
Judy (Wood) Diers  
\*Ned Diers  
Craig Earhart  
Rebecca (Martin) Evans  
Jeff Farmer  
Mike Fasick  
Lora (Shellenberger) Favorite  
Dwight Fetters  
\*Brent Fouts  
\*Carol (Cool) Friend  
Debbie (Miller) Fyffe  
Mary (Angle) Denlinger  
Elizabeth Gilbert  
\*Dennis Hall  
Larry Haney  
Kent Hess  
Robert Kendig  
Vicki (Jordan) Rhodes  
Sheryl (Fisher) Klepinger  
Jan Kraus  
Karen (Kearney) Latta  
\*Jerry Lee  
Steve Marker  
Amy (Flory) McDaniel  
Luella (Kinnison) McFadden  
Phil McFadden  
Gail (Mitchell) Morris  
\*Mike Murray  
Doug Netzley  
Robert Robbins  
\*Sam Roetter  
\*Kathy (Iddings) Rolls  
Jack Salyer  
Anne (Wall) Shedloski  
William Sink  
\*Diane (Hess) Sleppy  
\*Van Spitler  
Lawrence Studebaker  
Terry (Ashmore) Studebaker  
Dan Stump  
Brenda (Nearing) Swallow  
Susan Swartz  
David A. Thompson  
David E. Thompson  
Linda (Pemberton) Toomey  
Connie (Miller) Wackler  
Steve Wenrick  
Gloria (Gnodle) Whalen  
Joyce (Blankenship) White  
Sue (Bowman) Wray  
Debbie (Cress) Young  
\*John Young

# Honored Classes of 2020

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## Class of 1980

### *40 Year Class*

\*Chris Adams  
Tina (Kiser) Athey  
Tod Bailey  
Brenda (Wolfe) Baker  
Carla (Hamblin) Bertke  
Terry Boone  
Jane (Hershberger) Briggs  
Brenda (Renner) Carroll  
Kelly Chaney  
Barry Christian  
Larry Christian  
Carolyn (Benning) Christman  
Bryan Courtney  
Jeff Cress  
Lisa (Cecil) Deaton  
Tom Deeter  
Regina (Taxis) Duff  
Terry Favorite  
Kenneth Fisher  
Debbie (Wintrow) Floyd  
Kathy (Krug) Fourman  
Jill Harshbarger  
Douglas Hess  
Glee (Noll) Knoop  
Paula (Swartz) Landis  
\*Jeff Marino  
Tracy (Coate) McGuire  
Diana (Martin) Noll  
Tracy (Clem) Parker  
Margaret (Dugas) Rench  
Carl Edward Rismiller  
John P. Ruppert  
Bonna (Trost) Ryder  
Donald Ryder  
Deanna (Eley) Sabop  
Nancy (Hiser) Sanders  
Kevin Schindel  
Debbie Shaner  
Mark Slusher  
\*Randall Thoreen  
Colleen (Gray) Warner  
Dee Dee (Delcamp) Warner  
Mark Allen Warner  
Jeff Weeks  
Vickie Whiting

## Class of 1995

### *25 Year Class*

Robyn (Bertke) Apelado  
Jason Bauer  
Anthony Bissett  
Tony Blair  
Tammie Boggs  
Heather (Henderson) Bowman  
Kelly (Herbst) Bradley  
Steven Brown  
Harold Carter  
Charity (Poland) Clay  
Phillip Copas  
Jamie (Crilley) Cullen  
Kenneth Derksen  
Adam Drieling  
Travis Duffey  
Amber (Sleppy) Evans  
Michael Fisher  
Jessica Ann (Ross) Hawkins  
Meghan (Burns) Heater  
Jeremiah Hunt  
Trisha (Heth) Jones  
Brian Kadel  
Rachel Larson  
Noelle (Bledsoe) Leingang  
Nicholas McFadden  
Luann (Lavy) Miller  
Adam Moore  
Amanda (Barton) Morgan  
Ethan Morgan  
Stephanie (Swank) Morgan  
Sarah E. (Davis) Murphy  
Craig Peters  
Tracy (Favorite) Roberts  
Terry Robinson  
Chad Sheridan  
Angel (Duncan) Sims  
Angela (Leistner) Smith  
Tike Swank  
Jennifer Unger  
Bradley Urmey  
Andy Wackler  
Brandon Waites  
William Wetzel  
Tony Wick  
Eric Williams  
Vanessa (Salupo) Williams  
Laurie (Sink) Wolf  
Rachel (Mertz) Wyant  
Heather (Ray) Zuhl

## Class of 2020

Trinity Allen  
Sharon Armentrout  
Suzie Ballard  
Drew Bayer  
Ashley Bissett  
Thomas Brunswick III  
Cameron Caldwell  
Deanna Carine  
Baily Chaney  
Kara Chaney  
Ethan Cook  
Brooke Deeter  
Braden Edington  
Skylar Engley  
Brinley Fairband  
Caleb Garber  
Sean Gaston  
Emily Gross  
Jeriah Hinten  
Grady Hix  
Crystal Houk  
Patrick Hughes III  
Samuel Hunsbarger  
Toby Hunt  
Emmaline Ingle  
Dillon Koble  
Ethan Land  
Kimberly Laughman  
Corrin Luedeke  
Anna Marker  
Carley Marple  
Jessica Mitchell  
Danielle Naff  
Elyssa Pack  
Ashley Renner  
Curtis Shellenberger  
Kaitlynn Stevenson  
Tristan Stewart  
Seth Stewart-Hunt  
Cameron Stine  
Samuel Tackett  
Faith Thompson  
Brookelyn Turner  
Alexandria Webb  
Kleyson Wehrley  
Will Yoder

# Honored Classes of 2021

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## Class of 1946

### *75 Year Class*

\*Phyllis (Rose) Bashore  
\*Lydia (McBride) Besecker  
Dwight Black  
Thelma (Dunn) Brill  
\*Harold Duffey  
\*Ralph Durst  
Orville Griffieth  
\*Ellen (Cecil) Kauffman  
Arthur Kraus  
Edith (Groves) Kraus  
Carlton Kress  
\*Ralph Lacey  
\*Roberta (Rittgers) McGriff  
\*Lee Mendenhall  
\*Lois (Ganger) Mendenhall  
\*Jeanne Niswonger  
Audrey (Sass) Pemberton  
Lois (Young) Powell  
Gene Schram  
\*Elizabeth (Seng) Stuart  
\*Carl Trost  
\*Edna (Gibboney) Vogler  
\*Sarah Wiley  
\*Helen (Westfall) Woodward

\*Deceased

## Class of 1961

### *60 Year Class*

Gary Alexander  
Carolyn (Bostick) Bailor  
Douglas Baker  
Vaughn Barton  
\*Kenneth Bashore  
Joy Beery  
David Berk  
\*Peggy (Shumaker) Bowers  
Luella (VanTilburg) Bragger  
\*Garry Brown  
Kathleen (Pour) Klosterman  
\*Stacy Collette  
Barry Coppock  
Calvin Durham  
Judy (Berkebile) Ferguson  
Bruce Fetters  
Marlin Flory  
Deanna (Sowry) Frazier  
\*Carol Garrison  
Gloria (West) Grant  
Kenneth Dean Hammond  
Karen Heckert  
Mary Ann (Iddings) Hepp  
\*Nedra Carolyn (Strong) Highley  
Nancy (Warner) Hines  
\*Orin Bruce Hiser  
David Lee Holsinger  
Amos Hoover  
Sharon (Schmermund) Hughes  
\*Ralph Johnson  
\*Ron Keller  
Raymond Kingery  
Judy (Harshbarger) Kisner  
Glenn Kreitzer  
Joseph Longnecker  
\*Earl Manning  
\*John McCann  
John Miller  
Sandy (Puckett) Offenburger  
\*Charles Painter  
Jerry Dale Patty  
Stephen Piper  
Eleanor (Herr) Poe  
Judy (Bucholtz) Rudy  
\*Scott Rudy  
Patricia (Myers) Schmidt  
Larry Scott  
Jolene (Jackson) Shellenberger  
Bonnie (Sleppy) Smith  
Connie (Sleppy) Spahr  
Wayne Spahr  
Sherry (Argabright) Stewart  
Carol (Wehrley) Stockslager  
Kent Stockslager  
Patty (McDowell) Wadsworth  
Linda (Hollopeter) Willis  
Donna (Pash) Wills  
Bonna Dean (Roeth) Wooley

## Class of 1971

### *50 Year Class*

Marvin Adams  
Sally (Caldwell) Adams  
Steven Bayer  
Milan (Westfall) Bashore  
Gary Benning  
Judy (Davis) Benson  
David Burns  
\*Beverly (Harshbarger) Cecil  
\*Leslie Copas  
Carolyn (Kosier) Dickert  
Martha (Diers) Fisher  
Nancy (Fisher) Garber  
Rita Getzendiner  
Richard Hess  
Teresa Jackson  
Victoria (Slusher) Jankoviak  
Bruce Jennings  
Betsy Kraus  
Kristie Landis  
\*Larry Laughman  
Earl Lee, Jr.  
P. Terry McBride  
Colvin McFadden  
\*Linda (Deeter) Moise  
Jane Noll  
Mary (O'Brien) Reddan  
Jill (Hess) Resides  
Kenneth Saunders  
\*Debbie (Edwards) Seas  
Max Selanders  
Matha (Peacock) Schleinitz  
Gary Slusher  
Robert Smith  
Roger Studebaker  
Jane (McBride) Trout  
\*Verda Via  
Terry Wackler  
Lois (Westfall) Williams  
Patricia (Razor) Wood  
Steven Wood  
David Yingst

# Honored Classes of 2021

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## Class of 1981

### *40 Year Class*

Brad Alsip  
Rebecca (Hoblitt) Bass  
David Brown  
Tim Burt  
Amber (Roberts) Thacker  
David Cantrell  
Debbie Delcamp  
John Delcamp  
Matt Fast  
Kim (Weills) Reser  
Wilma (Westfall) Francis  
Pam (Bucklew) Funderburg  
Danny Madewell  
Curt Marshall  
Leah (Bryant) Marshall  
Tuva Holma  
Rune Jordet  
Ann Kauffman  
Amy (Favorite) King  
Doug Kosier  
Gene Laughman  
LaVena (Wolfe) Lichtenfels  
Edward Miller Jr.  
\*Curtis Mitchell  
Bob Monnin  
\*Greg Renner  
Ronald Renner  
Paul Riffell  
Al Rismiller  
Lonnie Robbins  
Mario Rodriguez  
Jeff Rudy  
\*John F Schultz  
Margie (Binkley) Shaner  
Charles Slusher  
Tricia (Richardson) Snyder  
Paula Sowers  
Jon Spitler  
April (Courtney) Stine  
Tim Stivers  
Angel (Strader) Slusher  
Marsha (Boyer) Van Culin  
Kim (Alexander) Vestal  
Charles McAdams  
Karen Salyer  
April Courtney

## Class of 1996

### *25 Year Class*

Garth Adams  
Christina Beckerle  
Josh Brown  
Kevin Cissner  
Jack Andrew Coate  
Dawn (Cook) Baker  
Beth Daugherty  
Natasha (Knapp) Deeter  
Paul Didier  
Dejan Drljaca  
Aaron Garber  
Jason Mangen  
Nicole (Mathews) Brown  
Chris Graham  
Bradley Hamblin  
Trenton Hornbacker  
Emily Iddings  
Brandon Kenworthy  
Christopher McCormick  
Nicole Mikel  
Carrie Miller  
Kami (Millhouse) Avey  
\*Douglas Brown  
Mike Neitzelt  
Carey Oakes  
Joseph Overholser  
Eric Patton  
Jesse Perkins  
Clint Peters  
Heather (Niesley) Peters  
Aaron Pollock  
Carmen (Rampaul) Boy  
Joseph Saunders  
Brandon Schnitkey  
Kori (Shellenberger) Hutchinson  
Nick Shellenberger  
Dustin Trost  
Tiffany Upham  
\*Missy (Gates) Voorhees  
Renee (Wehrley) Whitman  
Dasa (Wells) Prewitt  
Matt Westfall  
Jennifer (Hill) Wolfe  
April (Wood) Bitteringer  
Jennie (Rapp) Warner

## Class of 2021

Emma Abernathy  
Haley Abrams  
Torey Benedict  
Emily Bornhorst  
Mackenzie Caldwell  
Natalee Carlin  
Ashlyn Deeter  
Marissa Deeter  
Mia Dunlevy  
Joshua Ecklebarger  
Ross Ferrell  
Colton Flanary  
Austin Hampton  
Avery Hartman  
Kailey Heisey  
Alexander Hild  
Dawson Hildebrand  
Dylan Huber  
Mackenzie Knupp  
Alexander Koon  
Kayla Maslowski  
Amorie Maxwell  
Jonathan Maxwell  
Brady McClish  
Ethan Mead  
Regina Mikalauskas  
Mitchell Montgomery  
Jacob Moore  
Spencer Newhouse  
Addison Peters  
Brendan Rademachir  
Rylie Resides  
Isabella Saunders  
Tristan Stanhope  
Crile Staudt  
Caden Sweitzer  
Brock Thiesing  
Luke Vannus  
Owen Via  
Layla Wackler  
Cayden Ward  
Chandler Washburn  
Andrew Whittaker  
Grace Williams  
Johnathon Willoughby

# Newton Alumni Memorial Tribute

*Alumni that have passed away since our last banquet in 2019*

Graduated	DOD	Graduated	DOD		
1935	Jane Thompson Jackson	12-20	1956	Jean Westfall Schultz	10-20
1935	Martha Shellhaas Rust	4-19	1956	Don Divens	2-21
1939	Dennis Bohlender	12-20	1957	Dave Beam	4-20
1939	Glenna Roeth Penny	9-20	1957	Larry Cecil	4-20
1941	Francis Hill Brock	6-19	1957	Terry Holfinger	11-20
1942	Ruby Walker Griesheimer	5-20	1957	Barbara Sampson Laughman	10-19
1942	Marion Adams	7-20	1957	Rebecca Preston Ray	7-20
1942	Betty Thompson Warner	10-20	1957	Doug Warner	5-20
1943	Jean Stout Gilbert	11-20	1957	Olin Renner	2-21
1943	Louise Victor Reason	7-19	1958	Larry Long	7-19
1944	Mary Ellen Jay Chipley	6-19	1958	James Newman	1-20
1946	Roberta Rittgers McGriff	10-19	1958	Terry Snider	4-19
1947	Aileen Wolfe Brady	7-19	1960	Nancy Coppock DeWeese	2-21
1947	Treva Bell Gilbert	11-19	1960	Patricia Fessler Locker	9-19
1947	Donald Trost	1-19	1960	Shirley Brown Locker	11-20
1947	Floyd Shumaker	1-21	1960	Linda Sampson	12-20
1948	Ruth Delcamp Brush	3-20	1961	Garry Brown	11-20
1948	Carl (Richard) Wilhemm	3-20	1961	Ron Keller	11-20
1949	Pauline McGillvary Kies	5-19	1962	Gloria Johnson Adams	9-20
1949	Robert L. Long	10-20	1962	Gary Fessler	6-19
1949	Phyllis Peacock Asher	1-21	1963	Sheryl Miller Strader	4-20
1950	Harold Grove	2-20	1964	Mary Sheridan Lyman	9-19
1950	Jean Jackson Melvin	7-20	1965	Larry Salyer	12-19
1951	Buddy Ganger	12-20	1965	Doug Wehrley	5-20
1951	John Jackson	4-20	1965	Forrest Messer Jr.	7-20
1951	Ronald Miller	6-20	1965	Don Sleppy	8-20
1951	Marvin Swartz	4-19	1967	Stephen Smith	12-20
1951	Ernest Wintrow	8-20	1968	Russell Heintz	10-19
1952	Janice Christian Beck	12-20	1968	Dennis Oburn	10-19
1952	Carl Delcamp	8-20	1968	Van Shellenberger	9-20
1952	James Hoblit	2-21	1968	Jerry French	1-21
1953	Ruth Dunn Roetter	8-19	1971	Beverly Harshbarger Cecil	12-20
1953	Frances Schatzley Long	2-20	1971	Linda Deeter Moise	2-21
1954	Thelma Trost Leonard	10-19	1972	Garry Miller	7-19
1954	Suzann Schilling Mutzner	7-19	1973	April Ashmore Laycox	1-19
1954	Donald Wintrow	11-19	1976	Deborah Ingle Justice	1-21
1955	Larry Favorite	12-20	1977	Tony Blundell	5-20
1955	Bill Fessler	7-20	1978	Dan Delcamp	10-19
1955	Wayne Warner	1-21	1985	Edward Douglas Sierra	11-20
1956	Robert Anderson	10-20	1993	Robyn Stratton Davis	6-19
1956	Judith Myers Stanley	5-18	2006	Elora Taylor	3-20
1957	Nadine Caldwell Lavey	6-19	2009	Caleb Blair	7-20
1956	Larry Edwards	3-20	2016	Douglas Willoughby	1-21

## **Newsletter Funding Donation**

After the Alumni Committee made the difficult decision to cancel the banquet for the second year in a row, we wanted to get this information out to the most Alumni we could reach. Thus, the idea of a newsletter came about. Since, for most of us, the old school newspaper was called the “Smoke Signals” we decided that it would be a great name for this publication!

Since, we never had this expense budgeted, we thought we’d just ask you to consider a donation to help with this new expense. We have had volunteers composing the newsletter, but would like financial help with the cost of both printing and postage.

You may send that donation to the Newton Alumni Association address.

## **Address List and Information changes**

If you know of any alumni whose address information may not be current, please let us know.

You may contact us at:

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*Message us on Facebook Messenger*

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